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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE
REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional), dated October 30, 2001,, the following documents are enclosed to complete the filing of the above-identified patent application.

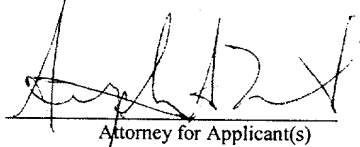
1. Seventeen (17) Sheets of Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84(g);
2. Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers; and
3. Copy of Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional).

Accompanying this response is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for extension of time to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated August 22, 2001 by one (1) month setting a new time for response of November 22, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2386.

It is hereby respectfully submitted that the enclosed documents complete the filing of the above patent application. Please telephone the undersigned at (512) 794-3600, if there are any questions. This form is being submitted in duplicate.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on November 15, 2001.




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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 10/29/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 08/22/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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